

# YOUR GUIDE TO WISCONSIN'S BEST HIKING SIGHTS



## Four trails with amazing views

To experience the full beauty of nature, you can't beat a hike in the woods. Wisconsin is a land of trails – there are endless places to explore the state's Upper Midwestern scenery. Some trails rise above the others. They are easy to reach, accessible to all ages and best of all, they offer unforgettable vistas.

If you've hiked these trails before, you've taken in the views and you know how special these trails are. If you've never visited these paths, put on your boots and see what you're missing.

## Ice Age Trail, Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Area – [West Bend](#)

West Bend has some fantastic hiking in and around the city. This is land sculpted by glaciers, so you'll find a landscape marked by various glacial features like drumlins and moraines. The 1,000-mile Ice Age National Scenic Trail passes through West Bend via the [Glacial Blue Hills Recreation Trail](#). While some people take months to hike the whole trail, you can enjoy a great taste of the path in this recreation area. Enjoy beautiful vistas of the woodland valley while dreaming of a through-hike.

## **Blue Hills Trail System – Rusk County**

For miles more of glacial terrain – and another beautiful stretch of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail – head to Rusk County in Northwestern Wisconsin. The 23-mile Blue Hills Trail System will take you through the remnants of a mountain range that’s older than the Rockies. To enjoy the best views here, take a morning hike. You’ll see why this area got its name; the hills take on a beautiful blueish hue early in the day.

## **Van Vliet Hemlocks – Vilas County**

Vilas County has more than 240,000 acres of public forest so there’s no shortage of places to take a hike. In fact, the county boasts more than 60 trails that are open for hiking. For a picturesque hike through the towering remnants of an old growth forest, head to Van Vliet Hemlocks. This 400-acre parcel includes more than 3 miles of hiking trails. The views of Averill Lake and Van Vliet Lake are simply beautiful.

## **Bearskin State Trail – Oneida County**

For a gentle hike that’s full of Northwoods scenery, head to the Bearskin State Trail in Oneida County. This trail, which was once an old railroad corridor, has a crushed granite surface that’s easy on the legs. The views are incredible. You’ll enjoy vistas of shimmering lakes, lily ponds and dense forest.

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